

## Timely Tidbits . . .

### Don't Forget To Vote in the June 13 Election

On Monday, June 13, Romulus voters will elect two people to the Romulus Community Schools Board of Education and decide the fate of a proposed amendment to the City Charter.

Competing for the two available four-year terms of office are Judith Gondek, incumbent Mary M. King, Julie A. Oleszkowicz, and incumbent Edward L. Wilkerson.

The proposed Charter amendment would allow the City to levy an extra mill in property taxes for a period of five years in order to establish an Environmental Protection Fund, the purpose of which will be (as designated on the ballot) "... to provide funds for environmental protection including pending and future legal and non-legal matters ..."

### Yard Sale at Tower

The residents of the Romulus Tower senior-citizens apartments will be having a "yard sale" on Saturday, June 25, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The sale will take place on the Tower's front lawn, located across from the City's Recreation/Senior Center building on Bibbins.

### Customer Appreciation Day at Post Office

Thursday, June 9, has been set aside to recognize United States Postal Service customers across the State of Michigan.

"The Romulus Post Office appreciates your business and will be recognizing customers in our branch's lobby," says Romulus Postmaster Donna Hoevermeyer.

"The Postal Service works hard throughout the year to continually improve the services we provide. Many of these changes are a direct result of our customers' suggestions. Therefore, we wanted to let our customers know that we sincerely appreciate their patronage, and what better way to do this than through the impact of a Statewide customer appreciation day.

"On June 9, every Post Office in Michigan will be extending 'A Heartfelt Thanks' to all customers. Customers are encouraged to stop in to their local post office for refreshments and gifts representing a small token of our appreciation for their business," she concluded.

## Court's Domestic Violence Program Works To Break Multigenerational Chain of Family Pain



*The following is the first in a series of "guest columnist" articles regarding services offered by the 34th District Court that are designed to address the needs of citizens in the communities that comprise the Court venue. The 34th District Court – which serves the cities of Romulus and Belleville and the townships of Huron, Sumpter, and Van Buren – has been challenged by developmental changes in the surrounding communities, the expansion of Metro Airport, and the rapid population growth that some of the municipalities have experienced.*

*The following article, which was authored by Chief Judge Felix Rogalle, offers some information regarding the process that the Court is establishing to deal with the ever-increasing problem of domestic violence. Judge Rogalle has been active in providing the Court with an effective and workable plan to intervene in this multigenerational issue.*

*Subsequent articles will outline the Romulus Self-Awareness Program, the*

*Victims Impact Panel, the Romulus Work Program, and the Romulus Garden Program.*

As a judge, the amount and frequency of domestic violence that I encounter is disturbing. Domestic violence is a crime that affects the entire community. It is not limited by race, age, educational level, or occupation. Important societal interests are at stake. The quality of life in the community is at stake. In San Diego, 40% of the violent crimes are crimes of domestic violence. Every year, thousands of deaths in this country are the root cause of many of our National societal ills. Domestic violence is the number-one cause of injury to women.

In order to have an effective cure or decline in domestic violence, the entire community needs to be involved. Presently, there seems to be a ground-swell of grass-roots support toward attacking the problem. Many communities are well ahead in the fight against domestic violence and the communities comprising the 34th District Court are currently working toward that end. The Court has formed an ad hoc task-force comprised of Chief Judge Felix Rogalle; Romulus Police Chief Robert Brown; the Director of Probation at the 34th District Court, Carol Bowman; and Barbara Farrah from the Romulus Help Center.

As a model, the Police Department, Probation Department, and the Court are convinced that they must work together. Policies are being put in place to augment a protocol in handling domestic-violence complaints. Photographs should be taken at the scene. Tape-recordings of the 9-1-1 calls and the events at the scene should be made. A

checklist of rights, duties, and responsibilities should be given to the victim. As a safety plan, an arrest should be made at the scene.

It is necessary that those involved in the criminal justice system work toward a sensible and effective measure to confront the problem of domestic violence. It differs from other crimes because of the intimate relationship between the victim and the accused.

The aforementioned ad hoc committee has agreed that the following procedure should be used in the initial response to a domestic-violence call.

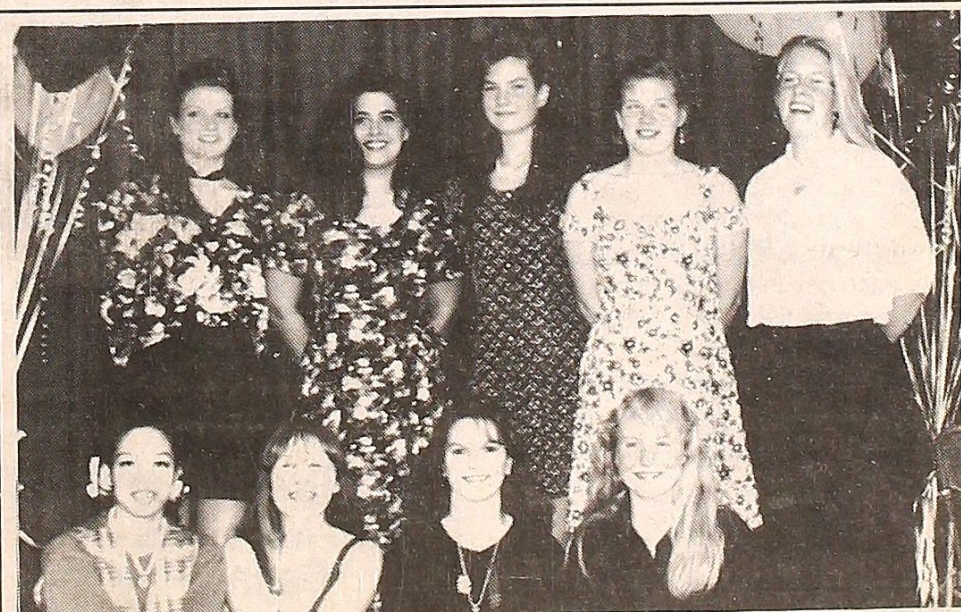
- Where there is a 9-1-1 call, an arrest should be made.
- At the scene, the victim should be given an information sheet concerning his/her rights and options.
- Within 48 hours, a contact from one of the shelters should communicate the following information to the victim.
  - (a) The situation will probably get worse.
  - (b) I'm here for you.
  - (c) You deserve better than this.
  - (d) I'm concerned for your safety.
  - (e) I'm afraid for your safety.
  - (f) This is my business. I don't want to be at your funeral next week.
- A copy of the 9-1-1 tape call should be in the criminal file.
- Any plea agreement should include some form of counseling.

The committee is encouraged by community response, the enthusiasm of the respective police departments within the venue, and the number of transformations that have been made by both victims and accused during the initial implementation of the program. □

## RHS Students Share Spanish Skills

By Dorothy Nesler

Students from the classes of Mrs. West, Mrs. Carney, Mrs. Motyka, and Mrs. Golka demonstrated newly acquired skills in Spanish at an assembly held on Friday, May 19, at Wick School. Students received the special instruction thanks to nine foreign-language students from Romulus High School (pictured at right) under the direction of Spanish instructor Linda Poirier. The program originated three years ago, when Ms. Russenburger, a French teacher at Romulus High, applied for and received a Federal grant for a project in which advanced foreign-language students would collaborate to plan and deliver French and Spanish lessons to elementary students. □



(L-R) back: Christina Sprinkle, Melissa Chmura, Sandra Hall, Dana Tatman, Kristin Bishop; front: Erica Shelby, Erin Habitz, Lisa Decker, Staci Steffani.



## Three Romulus High School Students Will Attend Boys' State



(From left) Joshua Remelius, Bobby Craft, and Lemas Mitchell

By John Domas, counselor, Romulus High School

Three outstanding Romulus High School students have been selected to attend the 57th annual American Legion Boys' State Program. The program is to be held on the campus of Michigan State University in East Lansing from June 19 to June 25, 1994.

Attending will be 1,000 boys representing the best in Michigan Youth.

This year's three local students have received scholarships valued at \$195 each to cover the cost of their trip. Bobby Janay Craft, son of Bobby Marshall and Judy Craft, received his scholarship thanks to the Progressive Club of Romulus; Lemas Price Mitchell, son of Carlton and Regina Mitchell, received his scholarship courtesy of the Kiwanis Club of Romulus; Joshua Scott Remelius, son of Rick and Vicki Remelius, is being sponsored by the Rotary Club of Romulus.

All are completing the eleventh grade at Romulus High School. Thus, they will be returning as seniors to share their Boys' State experience with their classmates next year.

The Boys' State Program duplicates the very process by which the government in Michigan and in Washington D.C. operates. Each young man attending will learn from firsthand experience how to work within a political party, how to question government's functioning, and how to work for the common good. Aside from this practical learning experience, each boy learns the priceless lesson of team participation while maintaining his own individuality.

The long-term experience, together with the friendships developed, are not soon forgotten, but stay with the boys for the rest of their lives.

The ultimate learning experience derived from this program is that each boy leaves with a thorough and working knowledge of how our American system of government can affect change, implement ideas into law, and benefit society

as a whole. There is no need for any of America's youth to feel alienated from our society, as there is a workable political process to involve them in the continuing success of America.

Whether the boys attending become directly involved in the actual political process in later life or not, each one of them will join the American scene knowing that anything for the common good is achievable in our system. Perhaps more importantly, they will each know how to achieve that common good through a peaceful and orderly process.

I would like to thank the following people for their help, support, and assistance in making it possible to send so many well-qualified and deserving students to Boys' State: Mae Jackson, William Knight, and Alan Wilkerson, Romulus High School counselors; Gerald Nault, spokesperson for the Progressive and Kiwanis clubs of Romulus; Michael Prybyla, spokesperson for the Rotary Club of Romulus; Tom Dolan, Dan Hurst, and Mike Teasdale, Romulus High School principals; Mike Kernohan, Ann Scott, Dennis Stoh, and Sue Vogel-Anderson, teachers; Gail Fraley, class advisor; and Judy Nutt, Guidance Office secretary. □

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# Letters to the Editor

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## Senior Citizen Urges "No" Vote on June 13

Dear Taxpayer of Romulus:

I am writing to you as a senior citizen and as a long-time resident and taxpayer of Romulus.

On June 13, the City of Romulus is going to try and raise our taxes by two and one-half million dollars (\$2,500,000) for a so-called "environmental protection fund."

This new tax is wasteful and unnecessary. We pay taxes to the Federal government so that the Environmental Protection Agency can protect our environment. We pay taxes to the State of Michigan so that the Department of Natural Resources can protect our environment. Why must we pay three governments to get environmental protection? The City of Romulus isn't responsible for cleanups; the State of Michigan and the Federal government are the ones that are responsible.

On behalf of other senior citizens and those who are on fixed incomes in Romulus, I am appealing to you for your help in defeating this new tax increase.

Please vote NO on June 13.

Thank you,

George Witzgall (Romulus)

## Mayor Responds to Articles, Critics

To the Editor:

I have read, with some interest, recent editorial opinions and articles about the City of Romulus and, since final arguments have been made in the dispositive motion filed by the City against Environmental Disposal Systems (EDS), I now feel free to comment on some of the statements made.

I believe that the City has been mischaracterized in reports about current litigation with EDS and their deep-injection-well project, as has the City been unjustly maligned in reference to other unrelated issues that have been "injected" into the controversy.

I appreciate the opportunity to respond to recent editorial opinions and allegations. But, first, to let everyone know a little about our city: Romulus has been an incorporated municipality for 160 years. Once a stop in the Underground Railroad, the church that was the shelter for slaves escaping to freedom in the North still stands at the intersection called Five Points.

Long an integrated community, Romulus has always enjoyed excellent racial harmony, both in the community and in our schools. Our city work-force is integrated and promotion of African Americans is a common occurrence. The City has not engaged in hiring during the past few years.

The City is an incorporated township, spanning an area of 36 square miles. Detroit Metropolitan Airport stands in the middle third of our city. Industrial highways cross the City east and west, north and south. Twenty-three thousand people make their home here and 27% of those are noncaucasian.

Among the allegations that have been printed is the position of VOTES (Voice of Taxpayers for Efficient Spending) that lawsuits do not represent efficient spending when community needs are so pressing. We agree: This was a lawsuit that never should have happened. And now to the reason for the lawsuit and what is at stake. The only issue that is being litigated is that of Home Rule authority. There may be many opinions about whether a hazardous-waste deep-injection well is a desirable activity or whether it is not.

Contrary to statements, Romulus has had an outstanding record of managing government efficiently and with very little money; in fact, it levies one of the smallest city millages in Wayne County. It levies less than its Charter limit for City operations and has never strived for huge fund balances, believing that any money not needed for current expenses was most efficiently left in the pockets of the taxpayer. We maintain an investment-grade bond rating and have never, in the past 10 years, engaged in the illegal practice of deficit spending.

All cities have experienced severe losses from the elimination of Federal Revenue Sharing and reduced State-shared revenues. Nevertheless, the City has never cut anyone's wage or vacation time because of a lack of money. Think about it: Employees are paid whether they are on vacation or at work. Recreation services have been expanded and none are due to be cut; and we are obliged by law to keep our equipment in good order or to replace it, and we do. We reject the allegation that our fire department is under-equipped and unable to effectively fight fires in Romulus; we have spent millions of dollars over the past few years to insure that our outstanding department is well-equipped.

I hope that EDS and the VOTES group are not suggesting that the City was in error in removing life-threatening asbestos from our buildings or that we undertook the task without exploring the alternatives. To provide your readers with background, the City Hall complex was constructed in 1970, when asbestos was regarded by many to be a high-quality

insulating material. In the ensuing years, the heating and cooling systems became defective and expensive to operate. The City undertook a study to determine the cost of replacing the system and discovered that asbestos had been installed throughout the ventilation and air-return portions and wrappings. In order to repair the heating and cooling systems and to install and repair wiring, the City would expose their workers and the public to unacceptable levels of asbestos. Experts in the field were consulted and every avenue explored before undertaking this project.

The removal of the asbestos was carried out through the Building Authority, which issued bonds for the removal and attendant costs. While the building is unoccupied and being reconstructed, minor alterations, including lighting, will be accomplished. The Building Authority advertised for bids for the work through the Official City News Publication (*The Romulus Roman*) and through the Dodge Report. All persons engaged in this type of activity were free to bid.

As our critic writers should know, the City of Romulus has an aggressive program for the removal of abandoned cars and has had great success in relieving neighborhoods of these unsightly nuisances. According to the Mayor's Administrative Secretary, Hafeeza Khalifa, there has been one such complaint in the six years that she has worked in the Mayor's office.

It is true that we are very concerned about our roads. Most communities are less rural than Romulus and, while we have paved many miles of roads in the last 10 years, it is the maintenance that brings concern.

Citizen concern about Tax Increment Finance Authorities (TIFAs) is unfounded. No General Fund money is involved in the TIFA. The only revenues that this authority has to provide the infrastructure needs of development is that additional tax revenue which is generated by the development itself. The City has used this tool, as provided by State law, to attract businesses to provide employment for the young people of Romulus. The success of this strategy is reflected in our declining unemployment figures.

I know that we all appreciate the fact that 70 cents of every tax dollar collected in Romulus is paid by business and industry. Anything we can do to encourage quality businesses to locate here is a direct benefit to the residents.

The only official position adopted by the City Council concerning the deep well was one in which they acknowledged the authority of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) in regulating such installations when not in conflict with local laws, which was later rescinded. The pertinent facts

are that there are zoning requirements that everyone has to abide by. These are properly adopted legislative actions that must, by the City Charter, be upheld and enforced. There are permitting and inspection requirements also properly adopted. EDS has chosen to flaunt these requirements and claim that they do not have to adhere to the same rules and regulations that all our citizens live by. Final Arguments have been presented, and now the matter lies in the interpretation and discretion of Judge Claudia House Morcom.

In the meanwhile, EDS has had ample time to make application to go before the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Planning Commission, and the Wayne County Drain Commission to secure proper approvals. They (EDS) have shown the same disregard for local authority that they did when they appeared before City Council and said that they were digging a test well and didn't need any approvals from the City — a theme that was repeated whenever they held discussions with the City. "You don't have authority and we don't need your approval."

Finally, it was implied that it was an election that spurred the actions against this violation of Home Rule authority, and perhaps, arguendo, this is partially correct. But there was no contest for most of the elected officials. There was one vacancy on the Council and there were three candidates. The well had been first proposed two years previously, when there was an election, and it had not then been an issue because it was believed that the matter was under the authority of the EPA and the MDNR. Once the well passed from their jurisdiction, the City took action to prevent the issuance of injection permits until the site zoning requirements were established and enjoined EDS from proceeding until that matter could be adjudicated.

Thank you,

Mayor Beverly McAnally

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# Local Commentary

## Taxpayers Should Vote "NO" on June 13

*Editor's note: The purpose of the "Local Commentary" column is to provide members of the Romulus community with an opportunity to express their viewpoint on issues of interest to the people who live and do business here. Responsible spokespersons are invited to make use of this column at any time; for more information, please contact Kristi Stephens, editorial coordinator, at either 941-1907 or 941-3113.*

*Views expressed in "Local Commentary" are not necessarily those of "the little paper."*

On Monday, June 13, the citizens of Romulus will be faced with one of the most important choices they have faced since the city was incorporated in 1970. This choice involves a 10% increase in the city's property tax rate, to the tune of two and a half million dollars, for the purpose of "environmental protection."

What this means is that the citizens of Romulus, who are currently dealing with reductions in both services and city savings (fund balance), will be asked to increase their taxes to pay lawyers to fight a project that the city agreed to as far back as 1990.

We are being asked to tax ourselves so the City can reverse itself at will; this is not good government. Although the mayor and nearly every council member now serving who was also serving in 1990 agreed that the Environmental Disposal Systems (EDS) project was beneficial to Romulus, they now wish to reverse themselves – and we are asked to pay the bill.

Whether or not you agree with the project's merit is not the issue. The question is, after almost three hundred thousand dollars has been spent on lawyers instead of providing city services such as road repairs and the like, should we agree to tax ourselves further because some council members were so out of touch? Clearly, the time to decide was 1990-91 before any work had begun.

Mr. Douglas Wicklund at EDS has a very powerful partner – the Pension Fund for the policemen and firemen of the City of Detroit. These police and firemen are the same type of hardworking men and women as our own Romulus police and firemen. They risk their lives and limbs every day, just as those who provide our own emergency services do. They care enough about public safety to do that, but we are supposed to believe that they invest their money in dangerous projects? I think not!

The Pension Fund can muster resources that the City simply cannot. They will spend a great deal of money to protect their investment and who can blame them? The City, not EDS, has acted in bad faith by backing out of the agreement. A city like ours neither can nor should attempt to fight on an equal footing.

Fighting this "done deal" is a waste

of our tax dollars at the worst possible time. Our resources are much too scarce and desperately needed for more important things – like improving our aging roads and improving and expanding city services. Instead, the city is warning of staff and service cuts, but it has \$300,000 (so far!) for lawyers? Doesn't make sense, does it?

The proposed purpose of this "fund" is "environmental protection," something already provided by both the state Department of Natural Resources and the federal Environmental Protection Agency and funded by our federal and state taxes. Romulus has no staff capable of supervising or monitoring 'environmental laws'. Romulus does not even have jurisdiction in these matters! To top off that, no mention has been made of using any of this millage money for hiring experts trained in environmental protection. It is all going to go to lawyers to continue fighting EDS, with no guarantee of success. Are you willing to toss the dice using this, your own money?

We have spent \$282,738.98 so far on the EDS fight, depleting our city's savings in the most uncertain time in Michigan tax history and the case hasn't even gone to court yet. Services are being cut and the mayor herself warns of more service cuts and cuts in staff. Projections of income and expenses in 1992-1993, based on information contained in the 1993 year-end audit (Comprehensive Annual Finance Report, or CAFR), were extremely far off of acceptable standards, yet the city proposes that it be allowed to continue to spend our savings to levels that are dangerously low.

I recommend that everyone review a copy of this 1993 CAFR. The document is well prepared and truthful. THAT, and only that, is the purpose of the award the mayor is so fond of mentioning. No judgment was made by the presenter of the award as to the desirability of the content, only the quality of the presentation and truthfulness of the document. The message it states is clear – there is gross mismanagement that is costing us precious tax dollars and causing current and future cuts in services. All this is at a time when the need for services is rapidly increasing.

**WE MUST STRONGLY OPPOSE ANY MILLAGE INCREASE AT THIS TIME.**

We, the voters and owners of our city government, must insist on open communication, truthfulness and competency in our elected officials. By voting a strong "NO!" on the June 13th millage, we will send a message that we will not be taxed in order to pull the City administration's feet out of the fire. Maybe then, and only then, will they do their homework before committing our city to such folly in the future.

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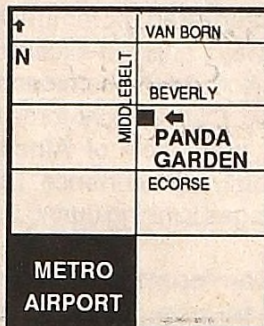
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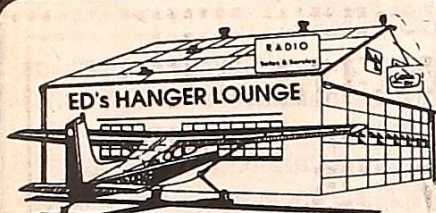


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# Legislative Update

**For the Week of May 23, 1994**

## By State Representative Greg Pitoniak Democratic House Calls for 5,000 More Police Officers

With State officials expected to predict higher-than-projected revenues this month, House Democratic Speaker Curtis Hertel called for the extra revenues to be used for more community policing efforts. The Department of Management and Budget and the House and Senate Fiscal Agencies are expected to announce that there will be an additional \$400 million in the budget. Hertel feels that a community policing program could be implemented for approximately \$200 million. House Democrats have continually argued that crime is the number-one concern of our people. Community policing legislation (HB 5472) before the House Judiciary Committee would establish a State/local grant program to put 5,000 additional officers on the street.

## Seniors Bring Powder to the Capitol

On Wednesday, May 18, senior citizens flocked to the State Capitol to show the strength of their voting block. (Currently, seniors make up 32% of Michigan voters.) Senior Power Day was a huge success, with many seniors coming to view Democratic legislators on the floor of the House, focusing on legislation that would require the State to retain 14 area agencies on aging and a bill that would expand the home-heating credit for seniors. The highlight of this year's event was the satellite broadcast of First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton speaking to the group on health care in America.

## House Saves the Livelihood of Many Small-business Owners

A bill that would prevent State-chartered banks, credit unions, and savings and loan institutions from selling life, health, or property and casualty insurance policies was approved by the House. Lawmakers were determined to protect the rights of independent insurance brokers around the State. The bill (HB 5281) would expire in October 1995, at which time the effects of the ban would be reviewed. This bill is awaiting action by the Michigan senate.

## Tough Anti-crime Bills Pass House

This month, the Democratically controlled House led the way for "get tough" anti-crime legislation that includes the National three-strikes proposal restricting parole to persons convicted for the third time of certain felonies, such as drug and violent offenses, but only after allowing parole for older prisoners (over 65) and requiring chemical castration for serious repeat sex offenders. Under HBs 5446-5448, passed almost unanimously, the previous convictions leading up to the three strikes would not have to be for the same offense, but could be for any of the following specified felonies: the manufacturing, distribution, or possession of 50 grams or more of narcotics; assault with intent to commit murder; assault with intent to do great bodily harm; at-



Representative Gregory Pitoniak

tempted murder; child abuse; murder; manslaughter; mayhem; criminal sexual conduct; and assault with intent to conduct criminal sexual conduct.

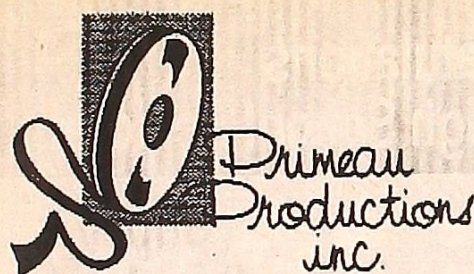
## Lawmakers Select State Song

Legislation which would make "Michigan, My Michigan" the State song and "Michigan, the Water Wonderland" the State anthem has been passed by the House and sent to the Senate for consideration. Michigan is one of only a handful of states that does not have a state song. **Habitat Groups Receive Grants of \$410,000**

Thirty-four Habitat for Humanity chapters throughout Michigan will utilize \$410,000 in grants from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) to build or rehabilitate 46 homes. Of the 46 houses, 31 will be newly constructed and 15 will be rehabilitated. MSHDA was established by the Michigan legislature in 1966 to address the housing needs of low- and moderate-income citizens. Their funds are derived from earnings on investments, not from State tax dollars. For more information, contact the MSHDA Office of Community Development at (517) 373-1974.

## House Democrats Propose Small-business Tax Relief

Surplus revenue, totalling more than \$110 million, could be used to provide tax relief for small businesses throughout the State by increasing the threshold on reporting requirements. As the primary source for generating new jobs, a change to assist smaller operations can only further improve the climate of the State. During the debate over Proposal A, significant tax relief for all segments of the population was considered. The group that was neglected was small-business owners. Changing the threshold will assist them in their costs to do business and eliminate time-consuming paperwork, as well as act as a stimulus for new business. □



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June 1, 1994

Citizen Taxpayers of Romulus,

As we have advised you in the past, our committee is dedicated to thoroughly examining how our city officials spend our hard-earned tax dollars.

On July 1, 1993, our City's General Fund (the savings account to be used for cost overruns and for emergencies) balance was \$1,958,472.

According to the Mayor's 1994/1995 Budget, the General Fund balance will fall to \$41,406 on July 1, 1995 - a reduction of almost Two Million Dollars in just two years.

Our city government's expenses continue to exceed revenues and the shortfall continues to be made up from our savings (General Fund). We cannot continue to spend our limited resources inefficiently and on pet projects which are of no direct benefit to us citizens.

What are our City officials doing about it? NOTHING!

At the City Council meeting on May 23, 1994, Charles Griffiths, a Romulus citizen, had the courage to stand up and point out to our Mayor and City Council members that our city's finances were in serious trouble. Mr. Griffiths will receive his Masters Degree in Public Administration from the University of Michigan this year. He has studied the City of Romulus Budget, he understands just how bad the financial condition of our city really is and he tried to tell our city officials that they need to stop wasting our tax dollars before it's too late.

Did the Mayor and Council members thank Mr. Griffiths for his efforts? No; instead he was ridiculed for speaking out against the 'party line'.

Are you happy about increasing taxes and declining City services? We think it's time that the Mayor and City Council change direction. What do you think? If you agree, let us know.

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## AAA, Concerned Citizens Urge Prom, Graduation Safety

The next few weeks will find thousands of high-school students across the State making their personal pledges to remain free of drugs and alcohol during junior and senior proms and graduation activities – and AAA Michigan has joined concerned Romulus citizens to urge our city's young people to be among those making the pledge.

"Prom and graduation season produces lifetime memories," says AAA Community Safety Services manager, Jerry Basch. "We want those memories to be happy ones. We are asking young people and their parents to help make prom and graduation season safe and enjoyable by making a sobriety pledge."

According to recent studies, about 90% of high-school seniors have tried alcohol, and about half report drinking in the last month. In comparison, 63% of seniors have smoked cigarettes; 32% have used marijuana; and six percent have used cocaine.

Heavy "binge" drinking among youth is another concern. According to a University of Michigan survey of high-school seniors, 30.5% of the respondents reported taking five or more drinks in a row at least three times in the past six months.

"All underage drinking is illegal and involves great risks," says Basch. "In addition to the legal consequences, even low levels of alcohol consumption pose risks, since judgment, reaction time, and

coordination begin to be affected. Heavy alcohol use greatly increases these risks."

And why is driving especially dangerous when alcohol is consumed?

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- Routine things surprise you.
- Vision becomes blurred and focusing is difficult.
- The urge to sleep makes staying alert difficult.
- Risk-taking increases with its use.

The use of alcohol could be costly: If you don't lose your life, you will lose your driver's license and a lot of cash. The average cost for a drunk-driving conviction (fines and attorney fees) is \$4,000 plus increased insurance, which can add up to three times your current premium for a three-year period.

Since January 1, 1992, Michigan has had drunk-driving laws which require, among other measures, destruction of the driver's license at the time of arrest for drunk driving. The law also requires a mandatory 30-day license suspension for a first conviction of drunk driving, and harsher penalties for repeat offenders.

In 1991, 95 students between the ages of 16 and 19 lost their lives as the result of a drunk-driving accident. Sadly, such drinking-and-driving tragedies increase during prom and graduation season and can put an end to a young adult's dreams. □

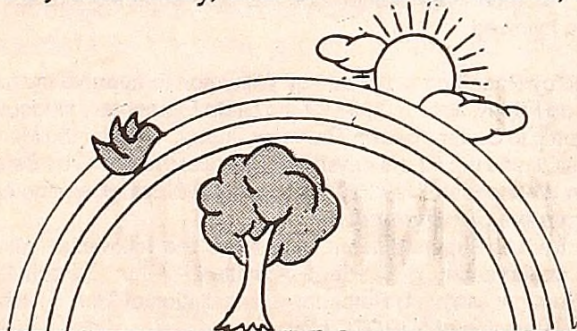
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I want to take this opportunity to wish you well in your future endeavors. I urge you to continue to take pride in everything you do!

Sincerely,  
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## Eagles Get Ready To Soar!



(L-R) front: Gerald Luster, Eric Nunlee, and Gene McClue; middle: Randy Orme; back: Richard Covert, John Pitel, Jamal McCane, Matt Ladach, and Brian Norman (photo by Gerald F. Norman)

By Jim Zoltowski, head coach, football

The 1994 varsity and junior-varsity football teams will hold a Lift-a-Thon on June 9, 1994, at 7:30 p.m. in the Romulus High School gym to help raise money for the upcoming season. Admission is just \$1. Refreshments (sponsored by the Athletic Booster Club) will be served.

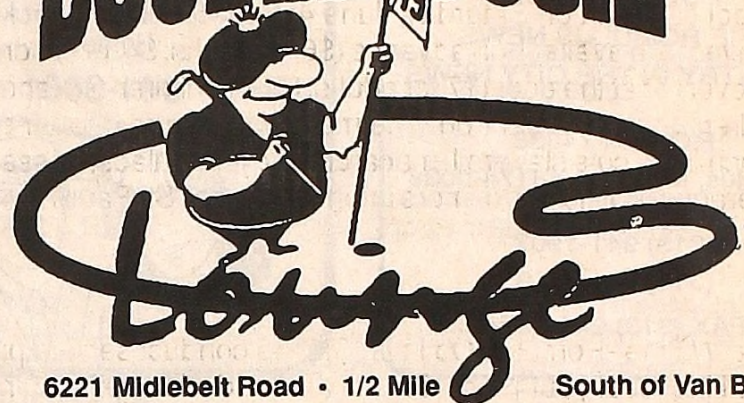
Athletes will be asking for your pledges this week; you may pledge or give a donation, whichever you prefer. Each player will bench-press three times, taking the highest weight. Money raised by this event will go to buy equipment for the team. For information, call the High School athletic department: 941-2170. □

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## REGULAR MEETING, MAY 9, 1994

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, May 9, 1994, was called to order by President Howard J. Kesner at 7:30 P.M.

Roll call showed Mr. Kenneth E. Berlinn absent (excused), and Mrs. Debra A. Hoffman absent (excused). Mr. Berlinn entered the meeting at 7:31 P.M. and Mrs. Hoffman entered at 7:40 P.M. All Administrators were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Howard J. Kesner.

### Approval of Agenda:

Dr. Terrel M. LeCesne requested that the agenda be amended as follows: Add "Field Trips" under Report of the Superintendent Item VII. B.1.

5/94/1 Moved by Wilkerson supported by Patterson to approve the agenda as amended. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

### Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting:

5/94/2 Moved by Patterson supported by King to approve the minutes of April 25, 1994 as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

### Communications and Expressions from the Public:

Mrs. Debbie Elam inquired what the Board was planning to do with the furniture that was being stored at Hayti School. Mr. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, stated that we are looking at a variety of options.

Mrs. Pauline Calhoun addressed the Board and expressed her concerns as they relate to the following: staff reductions; plans for reducing the deficit; definition of Schools of Choice, and the NJROTC Program.

Mrs. Janice Smith expressed uncertainty of services provided the children by the elimination of several social workers.

Mrs. Terry Tezenski asked why we were in deficit. Mr. Joel Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, explained some of the causes and events that have led to the problem.

Mr. Richard Kruse, Band Director, apprised the Board of Education of the ratings from the State Festival. The High School Concert Band got a "2" and the Symphonic Band got a "1". He stated that it was the same for the Middle School and that it was nice to have two of our bands get a "1" because last year we did not receive any. Mr. Kruse went on to thank Dr. Bedell and the Board of Education for their cooperation with his programs.

### Report of the Superintendent:

#### Recognition of Retirement Resolutions

5/94/3 Moved by Berlinn supported by Hoffman to approve the Retirement Resolution in recognition of years of service to the Romulus Community Schools for John Hadyniak and Margaret Chavka. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Personnel Actions

5/94/4 Moved by Berlinn supported by Hoffman to approve the Personnel Actions as presented by Dr. Terrel M. LeCesne. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Field Trips

5/94/5 Moved by Patterson supported by Berlinn to approve the five physical science classes at Romulus Senior High School to go to Cedar Point on Saturday, June 4, 1994. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

5/94/6 Moved by Patterson supported by King to approve a trip to Cedar Point on Wednesday, June 8, 1994 for Wick Elementary School students. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Bills for Payment

5/94/7 Moved by Patterson supported by Hoffman to approve Bills for Payment as

presented by Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Auditor's Analysis

The Board of Education acknowledged receipt of the current Auditor's analysis and its effect on the school district for the 1994-95 school year. Discussion followed.

#### Financial Review

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, updated the Board of Education on the information we had available at this time relative to our budget for the 1994-95 school year and responded to questions presented to him from members of the audience.

#### Health Center Report

The Annual Report of the Romulus Health Center was presented to the Board of Education for their perusal. Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, recommended that we allow patients between the ages of 10-21 years and who live outside of the Romulus Community Schools be allowed to receive care from the Center. It was recommended that this item be referred to the Policy Committee for their review and recommendation to the full Board.

#### Tech Prep Conference Report

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, conferred with the Board of Education on his recent trip to Maryland for the Tech Prep Conference that was obtained through a grant by Linda Bowman. Discussion followed.

#### Field Trips

5/94/8 Moved by Patterson supported by Wilkerson to approve the following field trips: a trip to Cedar Point on Friday, June 3, 1994 for the Barth Elementary students who have made the honor roll twice; a trip to Cedar Point on Thursday, June 2, 1994 for the Merriman Elementary Safety Patrol students, and a trip for the physics students at the Romulus Senior High School to go to Cedar Point on Wednesday, May 25, 1994. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, presented the following items to the Board of Education for their observance: 1) Year-end Activities - High School; 2) Carr Speech - Denver; 3) MSU - Summer Math; 4) Ramada - Cancellation of Trip; 5) John Juriga Nomination, and 6) Navy Cancellation of NJROTC Unit.

#### Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Mr. Kenneth E. Berlinn expressed his displeasure at receiving unsigned letters and articles in the mail.

Mrs. Mary M. King expressed her appreciation to Arthur McPharlin, Director of Technology, Joann Bjork and two students from Wick Elementary School for their participation and demonstration at the recent WCASB Conference on May 5, 1994. Mrs. King also congratulated Mr. John Juriga for his recent Golden Apple Teacher Award from Wayne County RESA.

#### Executive Session - Legal/Negotiations

5/94/9 Moved by Berlinn supported by Wilkerson to convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing legal matters and negotiations. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 8:58 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 9:05 P.M.

5/94/10 Moved by Berlinn supported by Wilkerson that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Sandra F. Langley, Secretary, Romulus Board of Education



## Community Calendar

- **Fish Dinner Benefit** – A fish dinner fund-raiser for Alana Grube, to help defray her medical expenses, will be held in the Romulus High School cafeteria on Saturday, June 4, from 5 to 7 p.m. Tickets for the event are available in advance (\$6 for adults; \$4 for children five and over) or at the door (\$7 for adults; \$5 for children five and over); children under five eat free. The menu will feature deep-fried fish, French fries, cole slaw, roll, macaroni and jello salads, dessert, and beverages. For tickets or more information, call St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church at 753-9048.
- **New Optimist Club To Serve Area Youth** – Community members from the Wayne and Romulus areas have announced the formation of the Wayne-Romulus Optimist Club to conduct service projects benefiting local youth. The Club is affiliated with Optimist International, one of the world's largest and most-active service-club organizations. Major Optimist programs include Just Say No, Optimist Youth Appreciation Week, the Optimist Oratorical Contest, the Optimist Essay Contest, the Optimist Junior World Golf Championships, and many others. Meetings are held at 6:15 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church (5403 South Wayne Road in Wayne). For more information, contact Winifred Wafer at 458-7639.
- **Romulus Chamber of Commerce Annual Golf Outing** – The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual golf outing on Thursday, August 25. The event, which will feature a four-person-team scramble format, will begin with a "shotgun start" at 8:30 a.m. Refreshments will be available on the course; a steak dinner at the Romulus Progressive Club will follow golf. An \$80 donation per person covers golf, carts, food/refreshments, and prizes. For tickets, or to sponsor a hole (\$75), call 326-4290.
- **Park Reservations Now Being Accepted** – The Romulus Recreation Department is now accepting park reservations for the 1994 summer season. Individuals or organizations interested in reserving park space for their special event may call 942-6852 for further information. City parks include Elmer Johnson, Kennedy, Park #1, Merriman, Cordell, Fernandez, Cypress, Historic, and Senior Citizen parks, as well as the Urban Renewal Area Tot Lot.
- **Preschool Programs Seek Entrants** – The Romulus Head Start and Michigan Department of Education preschool programs are currently recruiting eligible three- and four-year-old children for September 1994. These free preschool programs, held at Beverly School, serve children from low-income families, foster children, and handicapped children. For information, call 728-7815.
- **Volunteers Needed for Youth Assistance Program** – The Romulus Youth Assistance Program, a community-based project which is funded by the City of Romulus, is seeking volunteers to work with youths and children. Free training is available. You can make a difference by volunteering. For more information, call Karen Paciero at the Romulus Help Center: 942-7589.
- **VOTES Meeting** – VOTES (Voice of Taxpayers for Efficient Spending), an organization of Romulus residents dedicated to enhancing the value of our tax dollar by holding City government officials accountable for spending, will hold its next meeting in the near future. Items to be discussed will include the possibility of gambling coming to Romulus; the City budget; a number of lawsuits in which the City is currently involved, including the suit against Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc.; and other environmental issues. Everyone is invited. For information, call Dolores Witzgall, chairperson (942-0002), or Janice Coulson, secretary (941-6101).

To place information in the Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038; FAX it to us at 941-4874; or call 941-1907 or 941-3113

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## Smokey's Den

### Dunk Tank Cools Off Firefighters' Heat

By Dorothy Nesler

#### Fire Department Assists Students with Fund-raiser

Members of the Romulus Fire Department volunteered their time at a "dunk-tank" fund-raiser put on at the Romulus Michigan Week Festival (held the weekend of May 20-22) by the Romulus High School Class of 1994.

"Fire Pup" was also present for a good portion of the afternoon, greeting children and passing out literature, stickers, and the like.

#### Did You Know?

Sometimes we tend to take what we know for granted, and assume that everyone shares our knowledge. But recently, at the Michigan Week Festival, several citizens were asking questions about the Romulus Fire Department. So, for those of you who don't already know what they do, here's a brief summary.

The Romulus Fire Department is a volunteer department, with headquarters (open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) located at 28777 Eureka Road. The Department consists of a full-time fire chief and a full-time fire marshal, as well as a volunteer deputy chief and two volunteer battalion chiefs.

Four fire stations are located in Romulus: Station #1 is on Northline Road in the southwest end of the City; Station #2 is located on the northeast side of town on Middlebelt Road; Station #3 is at the intersection of Ecorse and Wayne roads on the northwest side of Romulus; and Station #4 is located in the southeast part of the City on Eureka Road. Each station has 13 volunteers: one captain, one lieutenant, one sergeant, and 10 firefighters, all of whom are trained by the Department.

The prerequisites for becoming a firefighter include being at least 18 years of age; having earned a high-school diploma or its equivalent; having maintained a clean driving record; and residing within the City limits.

Anyone interested in applying can fill out an application at Romulus City Hall's personnel department.

Note: Even if an opening is not currently available at the fire station near you, your application will be kept on file for a year, and will be referred to as positions open.

By the way, the Romulus Fire Department currently has three female firefighters!

#### Congratulations!

Congratulations to several Romulus firefighters who have recently completed training programs, often while continuing to work their regular, full-time jobs and respond to fire runs.

Completing Firefighter I training were Edward Daughenbaugh, Keith Matthews, Alex Bossidis, Scot Mullins, Mike Cullen, and Billy Cagle; finishing Firefighter II school were Darnell Hearst, Scott Ladach, Mike Bergeron, Tim Rhoton,

Don Modrzynski, and Pete Bergeron; and completing their basic emergency medical technician training were Scot Mullins and Michael Cullen.

Such tremendous dedication is surely worthy of our citizens' recognition.

#### Stork Bulletin

Congratulations also go to firefighter Darnell Hearst at Station #3 and his wife Sandy. The two were blessed with the birth of yet another girl (their fourth!) on Wednesday, May 18, at 2:14 a.m. Welcome, Devan Rose Hearst!

#### Softball Spectators Sought

Romulus firefighters play softball at Elmer Johnson Park every Monday and Wednesday. Come on out and watch!

#### Smokin'!

If you were startled by the sight of smoke on Sunday, May 22, don't be "alarmed": Fire Department personnel, in cooperation with the Metro Airport Fire Department, did a "foam training" exercise that day. The purpose of the class was to give some of the less-experienced firefighters a chance to work together in putting out flammable liquid fires.

#### Samantha's Nose Knows If It's Arson

Although many people have heard of dogs that can track people or locate drugs by using their sense of smell, have you ever heard of one able to scent out a flammable substance or accelerant?

Well, the City of Romulus has had the privilege of using a dog named Samantha and her specially trained "sniffer" several times in the past year. Samantha is a three-and-a-half-year-old black lab that has been trained to detect 18 different categories of flammables, as well as to stop, sit, and put her nose to the ground at locations where she smells an accelerant. Her findings can then be sent to the lab, where they can be tested to determine their content.

Samantha's trainer, Jeff Austin, is a Lansing firefighter.

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# Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Audry Moomaw, Manager of the Romulus Tower; Marilyn Hoffer, Senior Citizens Coordinator for the City of Romulus; and Barbara Schultz, Romulus Senior Center staff member, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column.

## Happy Birthday!

Best wishes for a wonderful birthday to those of my Romulus Tower neighbors born in June: Alecia Bailey, Evelyn Doemer, Anna Leonard, Doris Mackie, Maude Proffer, Joseph Scibilia, and Pearl Wilks.

## Pitoniak To Hold Breakfast Forum at Senior Centers

State Representative Greg Pitoniak is inviting local senior citizens to meet with him to discuss issues and concerns of importance to them at his third annual "Breakfast Forum" to be held twice during the month of June.

The first forum is scheduled for Friday, June 10, at the Ford Senior Center (6750 Troy, Taylor); the second is set for Friday, June 17, at the Romulus Senior Center (36515 Bibbins). Both events will begin with a complimentary continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m., followed by a forum and discussion of senior-citizen issues with Pitoniak at 9 a.m.

"I strongly encourage all seniors to attend this forum and bring their concerns and ideas," says Pitoniak, who serves on the House committees of corrections, economic development, insurance, taxation, and transportation. "Legislators strongly rely on public input to be effective public servants. Our last two forums were very successful in terms of receiving valuable feedback."

Pitoniak says that some of the issues scheduled to be discussed at this year's forums will include health-care reform, anti-crime legislation, and the auto-insurance-rate referendum which voters will consider in November.

For more information, call the Ford Center (291-7740), the Romulus Center (942-6852), or Pitoniak (517-373-0852).

## Lunch Out

Chinese food will be the featured fare when local seniors ride the Romulus Senior Center van (for a transportation fee of \$1.50) on Wednesday, June 8, to Ann Arbor's Hunan Gardens. Rumor has it that the food there is especially good, so be sure to bring a hearty appetite along with the cost for your meal. Sign up at the Center if you would like to go.

## Father's Day Picnic/Potluck

Hearty grilled hamburgers will be the main dish at the Romulus Senior Center's Father's Day Picnic/Potluck, to be held on Friday, June 22, at 11:45 a.m. at the Center. Bring a dish; bring a friend!

## Birch Run Trip

The Romulus Senior Center will be sending both its new and its not-quite-as-new senior van to Birch Run on Satur-

day, June 24. Transportation fee for the trip, which departs at 7:30 a.m., is \$10.

## Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about this or other scheduled trips planned by the Romulus Senior Center may contact Marilyn Hoffer: 942-6852.

- **Showtime Cabaret** – Enjoy some good, old-fashioned fun on Monday, June 20, when Romulus seniors travel to London, Ontario, Canada for lunch and an afternoon of entertainment – featuring audience participation and sing-a-long segments – with the Cabaret family. Cost for the trip (covers round-trip motorcoach transportation, lunch, and admission to the show) is just \$49. Sign up at the Center.

## Personal Transportation Service

The Romulus Senior Center has developed a personalized transportation program for senior citizens who have no other vehicle available to them. For a fee of \$1, seniors can arrange to be transported anywhere within the City limits in order to conduct personal affairs such as doctors appointments, banking, or shopping, and then be returned to their home. In addition, the program will encourage seniors to stop off at the Senior Center to participate in the Wayne County Nutritional Services Hot Lunch program.

The transportation service is available on Thursdays between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. only, so Senior Center staff member Barbara Schultz advises seniors who wish to take advantage of the program to call and reserve their desired time slot as far in advance as possible. For more information, call Barbara (942-6852).

## Weekly Programs at the Center

Chances are, you'll find at least one of your favorite hobbies among these regular events at the Romulus Senior Center: ceramics (Mondays at 1 and 6 p.m.); Club #1 meetings (Tuesdays at 11 a.m.); pinochle (Tuesdays at 1 p.m.); BINGO! (Wednesdays at 1 p.m.); knitting, crocheting, and canvas needlepoint (Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.); euchre (Thursdays at 1 p.m.); and quilting (Thursdays at 7 p.m.). For more information, call the Center (942-6852).

## Free Blood-pressure Screening

Romulus seniors can have their blood pressure checked by Community Emergency Medical Service (CEMS), free of charge, at the Romulus Senior Center (located at 36515 Bibbins) on the first Monday of every month from 1 to 2 p.m. The next screening will be on June 6. For further information, please call 942-6852.

## Hot Lunch

For only \$1.50, Romulus seniors (age 60 and over) can enjoy a hot lunch at the Romulus Senior Center every weekday at 11:30 a.m. Call Pat (942-6852) at least 24 hours in advance for your reservation. For information on getting home-delivered meals, call 1-800-851-1454. □



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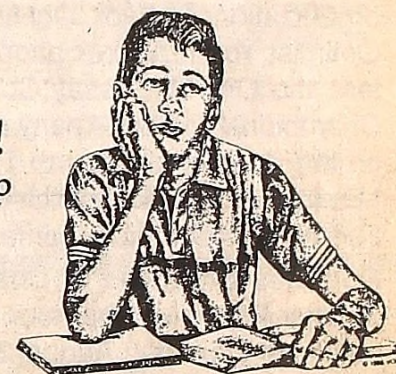


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Karen Paciero, Youth Assistance Coordinator

Youth Assistance is a community based and operated program that accepts referrals of youths ages 7 – 16 from police, court, schools, and families. Individual treatment plans which meet the needs of the entire family may include the following: matching with 1-1 trained volunteer mentor for youth; community work-service hours for youth; life skills classes for youth; behavioral contracting; parenting classes; referrals for outside counseling and assistance for youth and family members.

# Seeing Eye to Eye

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By Dr. John R. Compton, optometrist,  
Eye Care 1, Taylor

Sooner or later, it happens to all of us: We just can't hold our newspaper out far enough to make the print clear. This condition usually begins in our early forties, and is called presbyopia. Presbyopia happens to everyone, regardless of whether you are near-sighted, far-sighted, or perfectly sighted.

During all of our younger life, a lens inside of our eye is responsible for focusing close objects. This lens is very elastic and expands in order to bring close objects into view. But, as each year passes, that lens becomes a bit less elastic – until about the age of 40, when it can no longer open up enough to focus our reading material. At that point, we need glasses to compensate for the lost focusing power of this lens.

Over the next 15 years, this lens gradually does less and less. Several prescription increases are needed during this period to compensate. At some point, a bifocal lens is usually prescribed, even if your far-away vision is still good. Eventually, it just becomes too aggravating to have to put on glasses every time you want to see up close.

At our current level of technology, presbyopia is unavoidable. The general solution for presbyopia is to wear glasses, but many people can be successfully fit with contacts. Wearing contact lenses for presbyopia may involve some compromises, so ask your eye doctor.

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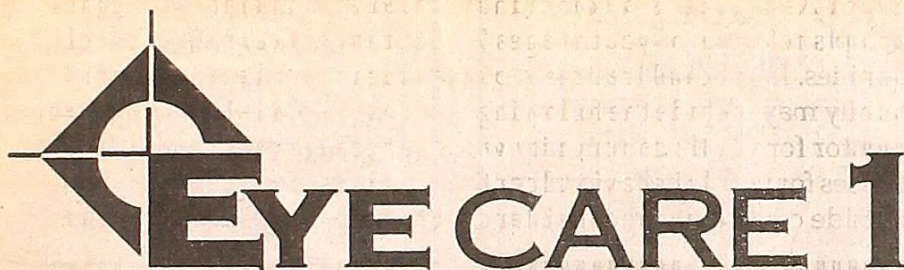
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# Obituaries

## Edna L. Krueger

Edna L. Krueger of Romulus, Michigan, died on Tuesday, May 31, 1994. She was 84 years old.

Edna, a homemaker, was born in Detroit, Michigan, on August 28, 1909. She was an active member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Nankin Chapter #238 (Wayne, MI), the Romulus Historical Society, and the Wayne County 4-H Club.

Edna is survived by one son, William (wife Rainell) Krueger (Wayne, MI); one daughter, Mrs. William (Doris) Kittendorf (Manchester, MI); her stepmother, Mrs. Clarence (Lillian) Fick (Dearborn, MI); two brothers, Harold (Taylor, MI) and Arthur Waechter (Carleton, MI); six sisters, Mrs. Mildred Schellenberg (Jackson, MI), Mrs. Loretta Hoffman (Westland, MI), Mrs. Helen Krueger (Westland, MI), Mrs. Martin (Violet) Ruhlig (Dexter, MI), Mrs. George (Dorothy) Lindeman (Milan, MI), and Mrs. Doris Lindeman (Belleville, MI); nine grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. Her husband, William Walter Krueger, predeceased her on December 5, 1981.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, June 3, at St. Paul's United Church of Christ (Taylor, MI), with Reverend Geoffrey G. Drutchas officiating. Interment will be at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock). Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI). Memorial tributes may be made to St. Paul's Church.

## Adolf Rupinski

Adolph Rupinski of Romulus, Michigan, died on Thursday, May 26, 1994, at the age of 66.

A farmer, Adolf was born in Zaleze-Wielkie, Poland, on October 20, 1927, and married Helen Zaleski on February 9, 1980, at St. Aloysius Catholic Church (Romulus, MI).

He is survived by his wife; his son, Slawomir Rupinski (Zaleze-Wielkie, Poland); his daughter, Mrs. Max (Teresa) Wardak (Czarna, Poland); two brothers, Anthony and John Rupinski (both of Poland); two sisters, Mrs. Wiczek (Mary) Stepnowski and Mrs. Walter (Harritte) Chojancki (both of Poland); and four grandchildren. He was predeceased by one sister.

Funeral services were held on Monday, May 30, at St. Aloysius Church, with Father Michael Malawy officiating. Interment was at St. Anne's Cemetery (Rozan, Poland). Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI). Memorial tributes may be made in the form of mass cards or by a donation to any charitable organization.

## Eleanor F. Tanner

Eleanor F. Tanner of Romulus, Michigan, died on Wednesday, May 25, 1994. She was 62 years old.

Born on April 12, 1932, the Romulus native had been employed as a secretary for the 34th District Court in Romulus, and was an active league bowler.

She and husband Thomas A. Tanner were married in Angola, Indiana, on December 10, 1955.

Eleanor is survived by her husband; two sons, Brad T. (Romulus, MI) and Vince M. Tanner (Lemore, CA); one daughter, Mrs. Gary (Renee M.) Sampson (Belleville, MI); three brothers, Elmer (Michigan), Robert (Dearborn Heights, MI), and Clarence Champagne (Taylor, MI); and three sisters, Mrs. Alice Schneider (Taylor, MI), Mrs. Doris Rhodes (Dearborn Heights, MI), and Mrs. Gertrude Barber (Dearborn Heights, MI). She was predeceased by a brother and two sisters.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, May 28, at St. Aloysius Catholic Church (Romulus, MI), with Father Michael Malawy officiating. Cremation arrangements were made by Tri-County Cremation Services (Ypsilanti, MI); other arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI). Memorial tributes may be made to Arbor Hospice.

## Kyle Ian Witherow

Kyle Ian Witherow of Romulus, Michigan, died on Saturday, May 21, 1994. He was five years old.

Kyle was born in Garden City, Michigan, on February 17, 1989.

He is survived by his father, Thomas J. Witherow (Romulus, MI); his mother, Denise R. Burke (Romulus, MI); his paternal grandparents, Edward and Ann Witherow (Oceanside, CA); his paternal great-grandmother, Eleanor Witherow (Oceanside, CA); his maternal grandmother, Jean L. Robinson (Romulus, MI); his maternal great-grandmother, Mary Robinson (Mt. Pleasant, PA); one brother, Ryan Thomas Witherow (Romulus, MI); three uncles, Paul Witherow (Romulus, MI), Harold (wife Roxanne) Walker (San Marcos, CA), and Robert (wife Mary Kay) McCardle (San Marcos, CA); and one aunt, Diane Hell (Taylor, MI).

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, May 24, at St. Aloysius Catholic Church (Romulus, MI), with Father Michael Malawy officiating. Interment was at Parkview Memorial Park (Livonia, MI). Arrangements were made at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI). □



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